



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>9/1/16</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 21-month-old male
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 9/21/15
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 9/21/15
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 8/23/16
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Michael Hughes – age 28 – Phoenix, AZ

**7. Circumstances of the near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On September 21,, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the near fatality victim who was taken to the hospital due to falling down a flight of stairs. The near fatality victim was in critical condition from a severe head injury he received. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to the father, Michael Hughes, when he failed to provide supervision to the near fatality victim and he fell down a flight of stairs resulting in a severe head injury.

**8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)\*\*:**

DCS has received no prior reports involving Michael Hughes or the near fatality victim.

**9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the near fatality:**

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

**10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was assessed as being safe with his mother. There were no other children in the home.

**11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**

No services were provided by the Department.

\*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

\*\* Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).  
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